

The title has been amended to the title suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner is thanked for the suggestion of a descriptive title for the invention.

Claims 8, 12, 21, 25, 28 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The claims have been amended to overcome the stated grounds of rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 27, 29, 30, 39 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by the Von Muenster "Drill 'Weigh Scale' For Planting Beans" which was submitted by the Applicant in the Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant responds by the submission of Declarations pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §131 of the Applicant and his neighbor, Mr. Steve Schoettmer, which provide evidence that the Applicant sold to Mr. Schoettmer the support and display of the claims and retrofitted the support and display to Mr. Schoettmer's tractor and grain drill to provide sensing of the weight of the contents of the seed hopper of Mr. Schoettmer's grain drill as set forth in the aforementioned Declarations. The sale of the support and display and retrofitting to Mr. Schoettmer's tractor and grain drill in operational form was before November 1996, which proves a reduction to practice of the claimed subject matter of claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 27, 29, 30, 39 and 40. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims as allegedly being anticipated by the


Von Muenster "Drill 'Weigh Scale' For Planting Beans" article is overcome.

Early allowance of each of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

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